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Farewell Party Is Held

CROSSFIELD.—A farewell party was held on Jan. 17 for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lunan. Beginning at 9 o'clock the evening was started with the singing of O Canada. Mrs. Charney then led a sing-song. The rest of the program was as follows: a solo "Road to the Isle" by Donna Vetter, piano solo by Sheila Casey, a duet by Joyce Cole and Mrs. Stilling, a piano duet by Ada and Edna Jensen, a reading by Jean Stevens, a solo by Joyce Cole, a song by Mr. and Mrs. Libby, Phyllis Jones, Mrs. McNaughton and L. Beddoes.

At the end of the program Mr. and Mrs. Lunan were called up on the stage and were dressed by 10 pairs of capable hands in a going-away costume. Lunch was then served and the presentation made, to which the Lunans suitably replied and thanked their many friends.

F.W.U.A. Holds Meeting

CROSSFIELD.—The F.W.U.A. held their January meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11 in the United Church parlors, with 12 members present.

It was decided to hold a dance on Feb. 3 in aid of the Hall fund, the local orchestra to be in attendance.

ROCKYFORD NEWS

ROCKYFORD.—Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyons Jr., that they are the proud parents of a baby girl.

The stork also visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Geeraert, also a baby girl.

We are glad to know that Mrs. H. W. Roppel is home again and feeling better after a few days in the hospital.

We are sorry to hear that little Susan Patenaude is in bed with the mumps.

Mr. Bert Lee visited in Rockyford on Tuesday.

Wins School Trustee Election

BEISEKER.—On Jan. 12, 268 voters turned out at the polls to cast their votes in the election for Wheatland school trustee for this sub-division.

The race, though a close one, was won by J. H. Schmalz, defeating Fred Campbell who has held the position for 10 years.

The returns from the polls were as follows, for J. H. Schmalz and F. Campbell respectively:

Beiseker	111	86
Beaman	3	9
Berkley	11	8
Greenfield	21	5
Levealand	55	31
Greyhurst	8	6
Jarvis	3	2
Layland	0	9

BLOOD DONORS CLINIC

BEISEKER.—Donors are requested for the Red Cross Blood Donors Clinic which will be held Wednesday, Jan. 25. Even if you have not been assigned any special hour you will be welcome between the hours of 12:30 and 2 p.m. in the Memorial hall.

Clips 10 Days Off Record on Maiden Voyage



ESCORTED by flags and with the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge as a background, the new 28,000 tons Himalaya completes a record-breaking maiden voyage from Britain to Australia. British built, operated by the Pacific and Orient Co., the new liner has just clipped 10 days off the pre-war record of 46 days for the run. She carried first and cabin class passengers, and a load of automobiles in her hold.

Here And There With The Lions Club

By W. H. TIDY

BEISEKER.—The main topic of conversation the past few weeks has been the weather. Everybody has had something to say about it, none good and some very disparaging. Even curling has been cancelled in some instances due to the extreme cold weather, and that's one for the book. There are a few hardy Lions like Lion Fred Meldinger, Lion Louis Schmalz, Lion Ken Wright who suggest we are getting soft, but after all a red hot stove is hard to get away from these days. Who knows by the time we are reading this in our local paper, the weather may be all that we could wish for.

We understand that the Lions Club will have entertained our local boys football team to a banquet and picture show of the Grey Cup Final, the invitation to see the picture being extended to the general public, no doubt our local editor will have a writeup on this event in the next Beiseker Times.

The weather has been blamed for many things and it certainly has been playing havoc with the attendance to the Lions regular picture show on Friday and Saturday nights. The cold weather and the holiday week-end have cut attendance to a minimum, but the theatre committee have booked some good pictures for the coming months and anticipate the usual enthusiastic crowd of movie goers as soon as the weather moderates.

We cannot let this opportunity pass without congratulating Lion J. H. Schmalz on his election to the Beiseker School Board. We feel sure that Lion Joe will fill this position of trust as capably as he did the president's chair of the Lions Beiseker Club.

No doubt some Lion members are wondering what happened to the Club Bulletin which was started some time ago and then suddenly stopped. Well on the advice of his doctor to take things easy, Publicity Chairman Lion Bill Tidy regrettably had to pass this up until some future date.

Of the nearly 100 daily newspapers published in Canada, 88 are English-language papers, 11 are French-language papers, 4 are Chinese and 2 are Yiddish.

Wedding

BLACK-HEUTHER

Miss Alvina Heuther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heuther, was married to Mr. William A. Black of Galtin Gateway, Mon., in Calgary last week.

The reception took place in the S.D.A. hall. John Luske was master of ceremonies opening the program with O Canada, solo by Mrs. Sam Luske, piano duet by the Roth girls, a make-up number by the Cow-Barn quartette, a reading by Mrs. L. York. The master of ceremonies had something to say between the numbers rendered. About eight guests turned out to the reception in spite of the cold weather we are having. Lunch was served. The bride and groom received many useful gifts. The program was closed by singing The King.

LEVELAND NEWS

LEVELAND.—E. F. McNair moved north of Carbon this week with his truck, doing some coal hauling.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Olke and family were Calgary visitors last week.

CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
First and Third Sunday in Each Month

Evening at 7:30 p.m.
Second Sunday—Holy Communion at 11:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday—Morning prayer at 11:15 a.m.
Fifth Sunday—Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. A. E. Lea, Rector

BAPTIST CHURCH
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Bible School at 12 noon.
Junior Service each Friday at 7 p.m.

Young People's each Friday at 8 p.m.

Services each Sunday—
Dog Pound at 3 p.m.

Mountains View Hall at 7:30 p.m.
Minister, Rev. J. W. MacDonald.

UNITED CHURCH
Sunday School at 11 a.m. each Sunday.

Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School at 11 a.m.
Service at 12 noon.

Rev. C. W. Anderson, Minister.

Truck On Fire

IRRICANA.—A Drumheller Transport truck from Calgary caught fire recently, 12 miles north of Langdon Corner. The van of the truck was destroyed and \$1,250 worth of meat and groceries, and copies of The Alberta newspaper destined for Drumheller and way points were burned.

The cause of the fire in the van was not determined.

The truck was owned by Howard Black, 404 8th Ave. W. Mr. Black and a companion were driving in the truck but escaped unhurt and were driven to Irricana by a passing truck.

Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Meets

ROCKYFORD.—A meeting of the Rockyford Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. J. Macbeth. Officers for 1950 were elected. The executive of last year were re-elected with the exception of treasurer, who this year will be Eileen Johnson.

Mr. J. Podhorski gave a report on a quilt which is to be held at the "Parcels for Overseas" dance to be held Feb. 10.

A delicious lunch was served by the lunch committee.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 14, at the home of Mrs. A. McIsaac.

Acme Wheat Club Resumes Work

ACME.—At the reorganization meeting of the Junior Wheat Club, the following officers were elected for 1950: president, Ray Schaffer; vice-president, Lyle Haining; secretary-treasurer, Ray Hannah; press, Del Bates and R. M. Ward; club leader, Art C. Bates.

There are now 12 members in the club. The varieties of wheat to be grown for the following season, was discussed, and decision was made that the main grains are to be Marquis and Thatcher. It was also decided that instead of soliciting the town and country for funds, a dance be held for this purpose.

Of the 2,366,456 Canadians who paid income taxes in 1947, only 140,000 had incomes of \$5,000 a year or more.

CROSSFIELD NEWS

CROSSFIELD.—Roy Shenfield was a Crossfield visitor last week.

Carl Becker entered a rink in the Calgary bospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson left last week for Spokane.

Two rinks from the Crossfield Ladies' Curling Club took in the Crossfield bospital last week.

Remember the dance to be held in the Memorial hall Feb. 3.

Obituary

CHARLES WEBER

CROSSFIELD.—Charles Henry Weber, 74, long-time farmer in the Crossfield district, died Tuesday evening in the Didsbury municipal hospital.

He was born in Boston, Mass., and came to the Crossfield district 30 years ago, where he had farmed since.

Surviving are one son, Charles Lorne, Calgary, Alta., and one daughter, Fern, Long Beach, Calif. His wife, Mary, predeceased him in 1947.

Rev. C. W. Anderson conducted funeral services in the Crossfield United Church, with burial in the Crossfield cemetery. Mourners and Hollows were in charge.

BEISEKER NEWS

BEISEKER.—In last week's paper it stated the Beiseker Concert Band would hold their band concert Feb. 1. It should have read Tuesday, Feb. 14. Please keep the date in mind.

The McDonald Briar district playoffs have been in full swing in the surrounding districts during the past week. Louis Schmalz won the right to represent Beiseker but was defeated by Rockyford at Rockyford. Norman Nash of Carbon was the winner of district A1 and will represent this district at the Calgary play-offs.

Alex Uffelman's rink composed of Louis Schmalz, Ray Schmalz and Stan Olsen is competing in the Calgary bospital this week.

D. H. Olsen, Stan Olsen and Louis Schmalz all spent some time in Calgary last week at car dealers schools.

The engagement has been announced of Rita Schmalz, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Schmalz to Mr. Michael Stinn of Rockyford. The wedding will take place late in January.

It is reported that Frank Seizee who recently broke his ankle, will be home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Velker entertained in their home on Jan. 10, the occasion being their 17th wedding anniversary. A goose dinner was served at midnight. Among the guests were Mr. A. Treiman, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Schmalz, Miss V. Hagel, Mr. Don Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Simmonds, Mrs. D. B. Olson and Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Velker.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kempel a son, John Allen, on Tuesday, Jan. 10, in a Calgary hospital.

There are 76 museums in Canada at present.

Canada's present population is estimated to be 13,545,000—an increase of more than two million since the 1941 census.

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WHAT'S YOUR GAME, MR. GORDON?

Residents of Alberta served by Canadian National Railways branch lines are going to have their railway service cut in half. Why? Because of a coal shortage. Where? Somewhere in Pennsylvania, or Ontario, or some other remote part of the world.

But someone ought to tell Donald Gordon, new president of the Canadian National that there is no coal shortage in Alberta. Alberta operators and miners are ready and willing to increase coal production to the limit to keep the wheels of railway and industry moving at a steady pace.

We suspect reduction in train services by Mr. Gordon at this time is not caused entirely by reduced coal supplies. The CNR has been losing money lately and Mr. Gordon has some sort of reputation as a financial wizard. So to maintain his reputation he is going to cut CNR service down, down, down until the National system shows a profit.

It doesn't matter to Mr. Gordon that the Canadian people will lack train service they are entitled to on their own government-owned railway. It doesn't matter, apparently that railroaders across the country will be thrown out of work.

And as he hasn't heard that Alberta has plenty of coal, he won't mind that the reduced train services in Alberta will reduce output of Alberta mines and throw miners out of work.

Alberta people can understand straight talk from national leaders. But reading train services in coal-rich Alberta, and blandly excusing the action with talk of coal shortage is so much double talk.

WHEAT WANTED

Western farmers are asked to speed deliveries of wheat in order to provide the Wheat Board with ample supplies to enable the five-year pool to be cleaned up as quickly as possible. This request was made by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, in an interview given at Ottawa last week. He said there was a danger of Canada selling more wheat to foreign customers than can be supplied from available stocks. It seems that there is an excellent demand for Canadian wheat so far this season. The United Kingdom is taking 140 million bushels as per contract and many other nations have been avid purchasers, including Iraq, Iran, Israel, India and Japan. In addition, the domestic demand is substantial.

The volume of Canadian wheat available for export and carryover is 319,100,000 bushels as compared with 330,300,000 last year. Under the International Wheat Agreement, Canada has contracted to supply 203 million bushels to participating importing countries.

Rt. Hon. Mr. Howe said there is a good demand both domestic and foreign, for Canadian flax, oats, barley and rye.

THE YEAR'S TRAGIC RECORD

Two miners were recently killed in a cave-in in a coal mine at Blairmore. This is a tragic occurrence which attracted widespread sympathy.

During 1949 some 20 farmers were killed in tractor accidents in this province. If the 20 had been killed in one dreadful accident everyone would have been horrified, yet these terrible accidents attract only a few lines in the daily newspapers. Tragic as a mine cave-in may be, nothing could be more horrifying than being run over by a farm one-way.

PROFIT FROM THE BIBLE

"Do you read the Bible?"

This question, asked in a crowd, would produce interesting replies if the truth were told.

There are some people who think themselves "superior," because they place scant reliance upon the book which is still the world's best seller. They fancy an explanation aloneness but, in reality, there must be some other explanation for their failure to give the Word of God a trial on its merits.

Any number of our readers can, and will, testify to the great influence this book has exerted upon their lives. They know that its study has brought them values, not equalled by any other publication. As a matter of selfish "profit," basing their testimony solely upon "returns," they will utter thanksgiving for their Bible-reading habit.

Alberta has the most extensive coal deposits of any Canadian provinces.

Wherever birth statistics have been collected in Canada, they show an excess of males. Lucky girls!

Less than five per cent of live births in Canada are illegitimate.

Cancer has proven more deadly than any war. Doctors say it is not the increase but the higher statistics are due to earlier and better diagnosis than heretofore.

Dear Editor

LETTER TO GOD

In reading and meditating upon your editorial "Open Letters to Santa Claus," I am convinced that the things asked for are the right things, good things, and necessary for the spreading of the gospel of good-will, a gospel directly needed in the world of today.

However, I am also convinced that it has the wrong address. This is too bad for letters with a wrong address either remain un-called for or go to the dead letter office. Surely an editor's address, as it does, for a spirit of unselfishness, peace, integrity, tolerance, service, equanimity, love to God and love to man (which I think represents a pretty good brand of Christianity), deserves a better fate.

Now as a clergyman I suggest you put on the proper address and let it be "a letter to God" in a form of a prayer for these things so necessary to human welfare and happiness. I think perhaps that is what you mean, anyway, but I don't think in terms of the letter to God.

I did hear of one letter addressed to God, but it was written by a little girl who had the right idea. This letter visited some of the world's care and cities and finally was returned marked "address unknown." Full address "Our Father Who Art in Heaven."

It is not merely to be critical that I write, but to stir up a little more serious thought upon something very important embedded in our daily lives. Why should it be thought strange to write to God?

Writing is a means of communication, even as speaking or music. We speak to God in prayer. Distance or locality is not always a deciding factor as to whether we write or speak, for writing is necessary for a purpose of record. The authority of writing is greater than the spoken word if it is only signing your name. "Put it in writing" is good business procedure.

Records prove valuable, and should we have the courage to record our religious thoughts, emotions, desires and aspirations such records would prove invaluable. A diary which many people keep records only what we do, but this record would be a record of motives and reasons why we do. Such a record would be part of our lives in some sense a duplicate of records kept in Heaven.

Letters give expression to individuality and uncover the soul. Letters are personal. Perhaps this is the reason we do not think of writing to God, we don't want to get too personal or too close to God. Why? Are we afraid of God? Why should we be unless there exists unpardoned guilt in the soul. The New Testament recognizes the necessity of a personal relationship.

Letters or parcels from friends give a thrill and bring joy and happiness. Gratitude will express itself in a thank you letter or some other means. Every good and perfect gift cometh from above. God gave His Son, He gives eternal life. He daily loadeth us with His benefits. A thank you letter would be in order.

Of course there are other letters we should write God. A bread and butter type letter, "Give us this day our daily bread." Some of us may need to write a business letter to God. What have we done with the gift of His Son? As free moral agents we can either accept or reject Him as our Saviour, but common decency demands that we give a reply.

A love letter is probably the best of all letters. When prayer is answered it ceases to be prayer and becomes correspondence. Correspondence is indispensable to the fullest development of personality. Perfect love casteth out fear, and into love there comes some sense of equality. Jesus said, "I'm your friend." This is what gives an inner integrity to life, and triumphs over every competing way of life. It is the empty mind, the empty heart that listen to the alien voices.

Yours sincerely for a better world,
Rev. R. J. White,
Hughenden, Alta.

The first aircraft to fly cost the Wright brothers only \$200.

Seven out of ten Canadian homes are wired for electricity.

Australia, geologically, is the oldest continent.

Two Hills: Success Story

One of the last sections of railway to be built before the dawn of the Great Depression in 1930, was the C.P.R. line between Edmonton and Lloydminster via Two Hills. It spanned the length of Eagle Municipality which has offices in Two Hills. As an area that had been only recently settled, when other sections were at least one generation old, the village of Two Hills had a hard uphill battle in the short 20-year period between the wars.

While scores of other points had a d railroads and newspapers, Two Hills had none.

T. W. Fee says the reason was easy to find. Sparingly settled, the railways did not see at the time prospect of good profits; and with most of the settlers from Europe with little or no knowledge of the English language, no publisher could be interested in establishing a Two Hills.

A LIVE-WIRE COMMUNITY

In 1928 the railway came and with it more settlers. These new Canadian farmers worked hard and so have their sons and daughters. The consequence is that when war in 1939 brought demand for good farm crops with good prices the farmers of Eagle Municipality District were ready to deliver the goods. The district and the towns within it have prospered. Even in the past five years since it was last in Two Hills it has about 100 per cent improvement.

PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

In addition to the municipal dis-

trict office in Two Hills there is also a large public school, school division offices, municipal hospital, several fine garages, recreation hall and a fine, modern "LUX" theatre.

There are also many good stores, including a prospering Co-op store, coal storage locker plant, modern hotel and good restaurants, drug store and other business places.

There is an active Board of Trade. The local barrister, Michael Fench is Social Credit member in the Alberta legislature. There is a dry cleaning plant and photographer's shop.

All this, and much more, in a village that didn't even have train service to Edmonton twenty-odd years ago!

WANTED: ONE NEWSPAPER

It isn't hard to understand that such an enterprising community as Two Hills would also want a newspaper. The Board of Trade and the Municipal District Council have been working towards this end for some years. Now their efforts in this respect have ended in success with the establishment of the Reporter.

The first issue of the Reporter goes to press this week. It joins with other enterprising Alberta villages and towns for which Community Publications publishes the weekly Reporter.

Besides local news, the Reporter will publish all news of the Municipal District, Health Services, School Division and Agricultural Service Board. It will be sent to all ratepayers in the trading area of Two Hills.

P.S.: I saw the two hills from which Two Hills gets its name. Now I can hardly wait to see the hairy hill of Hairy Hill fame.

News of social events, weddings, showers, deaths, funerals, accidents and any other happenings should be given Mrs. Rieger as soon as possible for publication in the Review.

New Local Editor

ROCKYFORD. — Mrs. Dorothy Rieger has taken over as local editor of the Rockyford Review.



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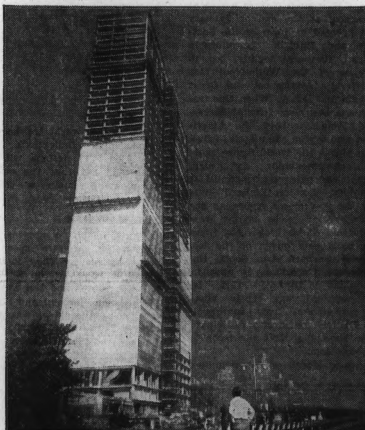
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UNITED NATIONS - 1949

DEVELOPMENT LOANS: Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, India's Ambassador to the U.S.A., looks over an agreement with Eugene R. Black, President of the International Bank, for a loan of \$10,000,000 to help purchase agricultural equipment. The World Bank also made similar loans to seven other countries.



GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS: In New York, the buildings which will be the Permanent Headquarters of U.N. rapidly grew skyward. The cornerstone was dedicated on U.N. Day—24 October—at a fête at which U.S. President Truman was main speaker.

Wheat Pool Head Is Bank Director

Rush D. Purdy, manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, has been appointed a director of the Bank of Montreal, according to an announcement recently by B. C. Gardner, president of the bank. In making the announcement, Mr. Gardner expressed satisfaction in the appointment, pointing out that the selection of Mr. Purdy fulfilled a desire felt by the directors for some time to have a representative on the board closely associated with the agricultural industry.

A former B. of M. man, Mr. Purdy was assistant manager of the bank's Edmonton branch when, in 1925, he was made manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool. During his term of a quarter of a century as head of the pool, Mr. Purdy has become an authority on wheat-marketing, and is well-known in grain circles.

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Active in community affairs, Mr. Purdy is chairman of the Alberta Provincial Committee of the Canadian Forestry Association, a member of the executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society (Alberta Division), and a director of Woods Christian Home, Calgary. From 1943-48 he served as a director of the War Assets Corporation.

Mr. Purdy is a member of the Calgary Board of Trade, the Canadian Club and the Renfrew Club, Calgary.

Some Weed

A great battle is being fought in India to free 3,000,000 acres of land from the stranglehold of a gigantic weed known as Karsa grass. If won, millions of the country's hungry population will be saved from starvation.

Karsa grass grows to a circumference of two inches and sends tap roots into the soil to a depth of seven feet. When plows were unable to cope with the job of its eradication, tractors were pressed into service as weed pullers, reports C-I-L Agricultural News.

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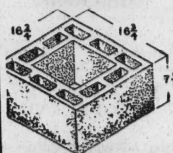
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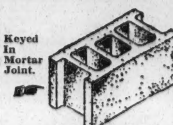
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Britain's Sporting Calender Program of Red-Letter Dates

Britain's sporting calendar for 1950 is a program of red-letter dates. World championships, international tournaments, the traditional sporting-cum-social occasions, and all the other open championships which attract the cream of sporting talent from the five continents, are all prominently featured. And it is abundantly clear there is not going to be the slightest let-up in the great post-war sports boom.

1950 has already dashed away to an extremely fast start. Already there is a new record. It is for the number of entries at the famous Powderhall athletics meeting in Edinburgh. Each new year professional athletes from all over Britain congregate in the Scottish capital and the number entered this time for the big-money sprint prize totalled 306, which is two more than the previous best 28 years ago. For the Rugby Union football international matches which start this month there will almost surely be record "gates" because more money than ever before has been returned to those

oversubscribing for the reserved accommodation.

The new year will not be so very old either before the first of the Americans arrive. Uncle Sam's representatives used to wait until the late spring before coming to tune-up for the big summer occasions. The post-war tendency has been to challenge for the indoor winter championships as well. In 1949, for example, the English badminton, table tennis and real or court tennis men's singles titles were all won by Americans.

SQUASH RACQUETS FIRST

This year the squash racquets realm is the first to be invaded by the Americans arrive. At Liverpool at the end of January and proceed in quest of the Scottish and English championship titles. They are coming, too, in defense of the Wolfe-Noel Cup which is at stake between Great Britain and U.S.A. When this trophy was last played for at Haverford, Penn., in 1940, the Americans won by the odd match in five.

In March the world figure skating championships for men, women and pairs are scheduled at Wembley, London. Richard Button, the 20-year-old American ace is understood to be coming over in defense of his crown but there will be a new queen of the ice, because Barbara Ann Scott, the glamorous Canadian, is now in the ranks of the paid stars. In Jeannette Altwegg, their vicious champion from Liverpool, the British confidently anticipate they have the next successor to Barbara Ann.

Also in March on the Wembley



The bounce this young lady is putting into her New Year celebration is enough to carry her right through until 1951.

ice will be the world ice hockey championships. Indications are that at least 12 nations will be represented, and that the championship will remain a trans-Atlantic possession.

FINAL MATCHES

In April the big events for the major winter spectator sport of soccer take place. They include the final matches for the English and Scottish cups and the annual battle between England and Scotland when all the old-time rivalry is revived. Crowds of 100,000 will watch each of them. The Anglo-Scottish encounter for 1950 has extra special significance because of the World Cup series in Brazil next June. Thirty-two nations have entered the tournament for the World Cup, at present held by Italy, and the 16 most successful will contest the finals at Rio de Janeiro.

In May the scene in England switches to cricket and the visiting side this summer will be from the West Indies. Four five-day test matches have been arranged and the inter-county championship, which last year provided an unusual tie, will again be the season's staple feature. In May, too, the American and French real tennis players will be here for the Bathurst Cup series with Great Britain.

In June the magnetic name of Wimbledon will draw the lawn tennis champions of all nations. The big poser this time is whether or not the supremacy of the Americans which was very seriously challenged last year by Australians and South Africans will remain. American stars of 1949, Ricardo Gonzalez and Richard Parker, are not now eligible for Wimbledon and the 1950 championship very much trembles in the balance. But unless we have a really super surprise, the women's championship is destined to remain American, as will the Wightman Cup, which is also due to be played for at Wimbledon in June.

July sees the Henley Royal Regatta (Americans again have trophies to defend), the British open golf championship and a renewal of the international intervarsity series between the track and field Princeton-Cornell. Both the British open and British open ama-

teur golf championships are this year allocated to Scotland, the hereditary home of the game. The absence of Walker Cup and Ryder Cup drama focuses undivided attention on the open events and the entries are again expected to include the golf maestros of the world. The Australian best, Messrs. Pickworth and von Nida, have already intimated their intention of competing.

In August centre-stage will be occupied by the track and field athletes, Great Britain first of all enterprising Scandinavia and then, on Aug. 12, there is to be a full-scale match between Britain and U.S.A. The U.S.S.R. has also been invited to participate. Toward the end of August, in Brussels, comes the European championship to which the British will be sending what is hoped will be a strong team.

September is the month of the change from summer to winter sports. Professional soccer will actually have started. While soccer and both codes of Rugby football get under way, the cricketers chosen to tour will embark for sunnier climes. Their manifold proclivities, plus those of the indoor folk, will engage our attention through October, November, December and to the New Year. And that is where we came in.

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Municipal Affairs Minister C. E. Gerhart said an act, called the permissive act, will be introduced in the next session of the legislature as a preliminary step.

It will permit municipal and school boards in suitable districts to adopt the country system under which the work of both groups would come under one board.

If the system proves satisfactory, the minister said, it will be extended later to all localities.

Alberta Sessions Start February 23

Although Hon. J. C. Bowen, retiring Lieutenant-governor of Alberta will not officiate at the opening of the legislature, Feb. 23, he has signed the official proclamation.

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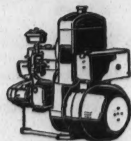
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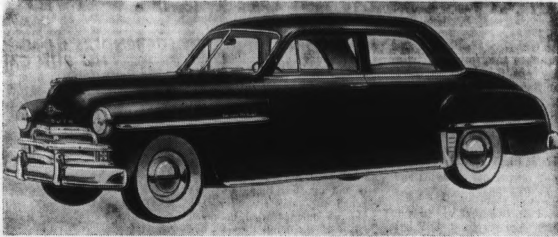
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Entries have been received from the United States, Australia, the Union of South Africa and a number of European countries.

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Seasonal Butter Price Variations

Butter production in Canada is relatively high during the summer months and is relatively low during the winter months. Prices, on the other hand, are usually relatively low when production is high, and relatively high when production is low. During the year period 1929 to 1938, prices were free to fluctuate without any price control, and reflected conditions of supply and demand in the market.

Monthly butter prices varied during that ten-year period, it is pointed out in the Economic Analyst, a publication of the Economics Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, declining when production increased and increasing when production declined. The seasonally high price occurred in March at the end of the winter season of low production and just before the new year's production started to come to market. The average seasonal peak price was 20 per cent above the average price for the year. The seasonally low price was in June when production was at a peak.

Government controls were placed on prices in 1941 and the usual seasonal variation was replaced with constant prices from month to month. Later, when ceiling prices were removed and floor prices established, supplies were not sufficient to satisfy the domestic market and summer price declines did not occur. With butter output more nearly approaching domestic requirements, some seasonal changes in prices may be expected.

FARM NOTES FROM ABROAD

The Minister of Agriculture has announced that the plan for the eradication of tuberculous in cattle in Great Britain will begin on October 1, 1950. The announcement was not generally expected as it was thought that under the government's retrenchment policy, the plan would be shelved for some time. It is expected that the plan will go into operation in areas where attested cattle form a high percentage of the total, such as Wales and south-west Scotland.

ARGENTINE FRUIT

Early in 1948 the United States placed an embargo on Argentine fruit because of the Mediterranean fruit fly, but later arrangements were made for pre-cooling in a manner satisfactory to U.S. authorities. The situation drew the attention of the Argentine government to the need for protecting their own fruit industry against similar infestation. New regulations regarding the entry of fresh fruit into Argentina have just been issued.

U.S. SKIMMED MILK

It has been announced by the United States Department of Agriculture that 105 million lbs. of skim milk powder will be shipped abroad within the next few months to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. The shipment is part of the total storage quantity of 360 million pounds of dry milk purchased in 1949 under the price support program. Another 50 million pounds has already been diverted to the School Lunch Program and to foreign buyers, leaving 145 million pounds still to be sold.

SWISS EGG IMPORTS

During the first three months of 1949, Switzerland imported 7 million dozen eggs against 7.7 million dozen during the corresponding period of 1948. The main exporting countries were the Netherlands, Sweden, Poland, Bulgaria and France.

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OLDTIMERS' TALES OF PEAVINE

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new post office was opened at Helder with Mr. Bethell Haydon as postmaster. Mr. Haydon decided to operate a store and it was in the fall of that year that Bill Armstrong and I hauled the first two loads of freight from Edmonton for the new store. We each had a four-ox team and on the return trip one wagon got so badly bogged down in the bush between Twin Lakes and Lake Romeo that—after unloading—it took the eight oxen all their time to pull the empty wagon out of the mud hole. Needless to say, we cut a new road round that mud hole for the second wagon. This part of the road was usually bad but looking backwards it now seems amazing that we were able to use it at all during the last few years of its existence as no effort at all was made to keep it in repair. I suppose that the only reason one was able to use it was because one was not compelled to stay on any road allowance and as soon as a traveller considered a certain mud hole to be "too bad" he would cut another road around it. So at times one would have a choice of several different routes around a bad spot but usually there'd be a mud hole on each "cut-off" so you chose the route that appeared the easiest negotiable mud hole or you took time out to cut a new trail around it. Travelling by ox team is a good way to see the country and we got to know immediately every bend and turn on this road and also we got acquainted with many of the settlers, certainly from Belvedere where we knew who occupied every farm along the road.

When going out to work it was by no means an uncommon thing for Peavinites to walk all the way to Edmonton but on the return trip, with money in their pockets, they'd ride in state on the mail

stage. Perhaps one wouldn't think so, but walking was about the quickest way of getting anywhere in a hurry in those days. To get from Peavine to Edmonton by mail stage took at best three and a half days, but once in May, 1911, I walked the 108 miles between 5 p.m. on Wednesday and 3 p.m. on Friday because I was in a hurry to get to the Land Office in Edmonton to file on my homestead—before some other (imaginary) applicant arrived. I walked 20 miles to Richmonds at Mossie between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on the Wednesday. Thursday morning I left Richmonds at 4:30 a.m. and arrived at Riviere Qui Barre the same night. That was 58 miles that day. Then on Friday I walked the remaining 30 miles to Edmonton, arriving at the Land Office at 3 p.m. That made a walk of 108 miles in two hours under two days. I got no ride and actually walked every yard of the way, but I did have two nights sleep.

The influx of settlers along this road was heavy and steady for several years and sometimes people who hadn't seen each other for several years would meet there. I heard of several cases and actually was present when two people met on the stage at Riviere Qui Barre who had last seen one another 15 years before in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. Richmond of Mossie had heard from a cousin of his in England that my father was thinking of coming to Canada so he wrote to him and urged him to come to Mossie. I was in Manitoba at that time but eventually both father and myself turned up at Mossie, but not finding land there to suit us we came on to Peavine. Later this district was organized and Mr. J. E. Grigg, of Hathersage, was appointed secretary of this organized district. I don't remember whether it was first a local improvement district and then a municipal district or if it was made a municipal district right away, but anyway, Mr. Grigg was the secretary-treasurer. On receiving payment of taxes from my father he came to see if it was the same G. G. Reddish he had known in Birmingham, England, years before. It turned out to be a reunion for father and Mr. Grigg as both had taught in the same school in Birmingham in the 1890's and had not heard of one another since that time. We found out too that Mr. Grigg's sons, Harold and Heber, and myself had actually come to Canada at the same time on the S.S. Laurentic in June, 1909, though we had not met on the boat.

Of the people who lived along this road, about the best known would be the Johnsons who had the post office and stopping place at Belvedere. I suppose that every incoming settler stayed there at one time or another as they were at the end of the stage run from Riviere Qui Barre and also where the ferry crosses the Pembina. Mr. Johnson fell from his wagon on which he was hauling a load of freight and broke his neck. This was about 1910, but Mrs. John-

son, a daughter and two sons carried on and did well.

Another stopping place that was very popular was that of Mrs. McLeod's, near Lawton, between Belvedere and Mossie. Nearer home I always stayed with Fred Winfield, who lived about five miles west of Mossie. Jim and Andy Henderson, the mail couriers invariably stayed there and it was while travelling with them that I first met Winfield who originally came from Quebec and had homesteaded on the prairie near Glenboro, Man., in the 1880's. Then when those who had homesteaded prior to a certain date were permitted to file on a second homestead, he had sold his prairie farm and had come further west and finally filing on a rocky bush quarter west of Mossie. He was truly a "cranky old bachelor" and usually was none too cordial towards visitors, but we got on well together and he always made me welcome and urged me to visit him. He had one fixed habit—he had a calendar on the wall and every night just before going to bed he'd take a pencil and cross out the number which represented that day and say aloud "another blinking day gone!" He always knew the day and date. His place was about 13 miles from mine but I went to see him several times a year, walking the 13 miles there in the morning and the same 13 miles back in the evening. He sold out in the early 20's and left the district and I never expected to hear of him again.

However, about 1927 or 1928, a man who was blasting stumps for Lewis Smart became impatient and went to investigate, when one of his charges failed to explode. He got to the stump just as the charge exploded and he suffered a broken jaw. When he returned from an Edmonton hospital he said that while he was there Winfield had been brought in and died. The doctor had said he could have lived had he wanted to but he just didn't seem to care whether he lived or not. Knowing Winfield as I did I wasn't surprised at his attitude.

The next stopping place was Moore's at Twin Lakes. Many settlers liked to stay there over night so as to have a full day in which to travel the eight miles of bad road before reaching the stopping place of J. R. Romeo at Peavine.

When the railroad reached Sanguito this Peavine Trail fell into disuse and now it is impossible to say exactly where it went east of Lake Romeo. That it went through tough country seems to prove with finality by the absolute disappearance of the road and by the fact that today—35 years after it was the main approach to Peavine from the east—if one wants to go east it is necessary to first go two miles south, or to go six miles north before east again.

Gone is the old Peavine Trail and gone too are many of the pioneers who travelled it and to those of us who are still left, it is a dim and not altogether pleasant memory.

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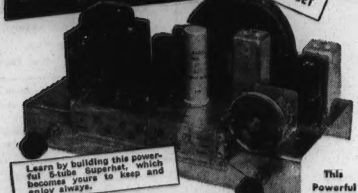
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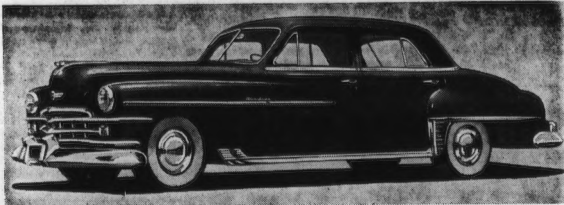
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National Grain officials emphasize that due to drought, second growth, hail and frost during the past growing season, tests this year indicate that a very serious seed condition exists in western Canada, particularly in the northern areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, while many other districts are also showing poor results.

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Plan Grounds to Suit Location

As each individual property suggests a different style of landscaping, only general rules for ornamental planting can be made. It must be left to the individual to assess the possibilities for beautification—and the defects—and emphasize the former and screen the latter by the proper use of shrubs and trees.

The type of architecture of the house, the position and character of trees and shrubs already on the grounds, the slope and general characteristics of the land and any natural element of beauty must be taken into consideration, when working out the overall plan, says W. T. Blair, in charge of ornamental gardening, Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville, N.S.

Certain views within the grounds, such as boundary fences, garage and back areas, as well as views outside of the grounds of the same nature, should be either wholly or partly screened by ornamental plantings. On the other hand, pleasing vistas outside the grounds should be preserved in such a manner that they can be viewed from those portions of the house and grounds where the family spends most of its leisure time. Ornamental plantings then should conceal defects and emphasize those elements which are most pleasing.

Avoid straight lines whenever possible and strive to produce a natural and graceful effect rather than an artificial man-made effort. Plant the shrubs in groups, using several specimens of a few varieties only, rather than one specimen only of a number of varieties.

Avoid meaningless, isolated specimens about the lawn. Naturalistic groups give character to the design, each group consisting of several plants. It is advisable to use the same varieties in repeated groups, but slightly different combinations.

Plantings should be massed about the base of the buildings, leaving about one-third of the foundation visible; also grouped about the curves and junctions of walks and drives, and massed about the boundaries and corners. Do not plant too close to buildings. Three feet is about the minimum distance. Shrubs which when planted seemed to have plenty of room often show signs of crowding at maturity.

If all the shrubs required cannot be purchased immediately an alternative is to supplement the first planting with native species, such as spruce, pine, hemlock, replacing these with flowering shrubs as occasion permits.

Finally, plant as early in the spring as possible so that shrubs may become established before the heat of summer.

New Use for Cider

Apparently a new use has been found for apple cider, according to information released at the annual meeting of the Potato Association of America recently held in Kansas City.

A paper entitled, "Flavour in Potatoes as Influenced by Organic Insecticides" brought forth the interesting information that apple cider was used between taint caused by the chemicals used in the control of soil-borne insects attacking the potato crop. Just how much cider was consumed during the course of a day's tasting was not disclosed to the thirsty listeners. But it was revealed that the cider definitely speeded up the tasting process and that the practice had much to recommend it.

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Statement in Respect To Employment And Unemployment In Canada

The Hon Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor, presents the following factual statement in respect to employment and unemployment in Canada. The figures for the late December, 1949, were:

The total labor force in December is estimated to be 5,200,000 persons. This figure, of course, is less than was the case when students were available earlier in the year and normally a large number of women do not wish to work in the winter.

This figure of 5,200,000 is the highest figure for December in the history of Canada despite the fact that it is approximately 150,000 lower than was the case in September, 1949.

On the 5,200,000 there were 261,000 unemployed applicants registered in the National Employment Offices across Canada.

Of this number 71.1 per cent were either in receipt of unemployment insurance benefits or were persons whose claims were being processed.

The minister pointed out that persons actually working represented by the total labor force less the unemployed applicants—just under five million—was the highest number of employed persons for December in the history of Canada.

The latest available figures for persons seeking work through local employment offices by regions are shown below. The percentage of these workers who are claiming unemployment insurance benefits is shown in each case. The ratio of persons looking for work through N.E.S. offices to the total labor force is also given.

The table shows in the following order: region; unemployed applicants, Dec. 22; percentage claiming unemployment insurance benefits; total labor force; percentage of

total labor force registered as unemployed applicants.

Maritimes—	38,600	69.8	552,000	7.0
Quebec—	38,400	78.4	1,437,000	5.8
Ontario—	63,800	65.0	1,798,000	3.5
Prairie—	35,400	66.7	973,000	3.6
Pacific—	39,900	72.2	440,000	9.1
Total in Canada—	261,000	71.1	5,200,000	5.2

The number of unfilled vacancies on Dec. 22 was 18,600.

The increase in workers looking for jobs registered at local National Employment Service offices to a total of 261,000 at Dec. 22 is due, the minister observed, mainly to the usual seasonal fluctuations of production in many Canadian industries.

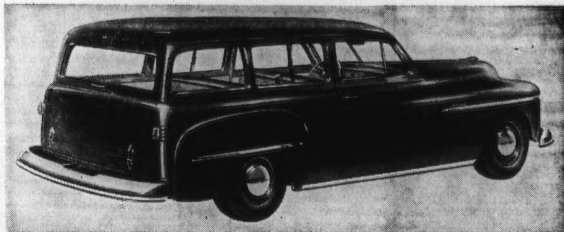
A special factor present this winter is the falling off in employment in woods operations in eastern Canada, where it is estimated that some 35,000 fewer men are employed this year than last. This situation is largely due to a decline in the contemplated carry-over of pulpwood.

The 261,000 persons looking for jobs are those who have registered with the National Employment Service local offices. Some of these are persons with jobs who would like to make a change, while others may be workers who have located jobs but who have not informed the local office.

On the other hand, there are persons desiring work who do not come to the local National Employment Service offices. This occurs especially in rural areas where the coverage of unemployment insurance is not large. It might be added, the minister said, that the latest quarterly labor force sample survey conducted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicated that there were around 150,000 persons in Canada early in November who were seeking regular jobs and who did no work during the survey week.

At that same date the number

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of persons registered for jobs through local National Employment Service offices was around 170,000. These figures, the minister pointed out, indicated that the reports from the National Employment Service offices are not out of line.

In addition to the usual seasonal influences and the special circumstances already mentioned, a considerable portion of the current unemployment results from the continuing growth of the Canadian labor force rather than from any decline in employment. Over the past year the growth of the total labor force has amounted to around 120,000, while the number actually seeking work has increased by close to 100,000.

Many more Canadian workers are now eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, the minister noted, than was the case a few years ago. As a result the percentage of workers seeking jobs through the National Employment Service, who are also claiming benefits, increased from 60 per cent at the beginning of December, 1948, to 71 per cent at the same date this winter. The actual number of ordinary claimants for benefits at Dec. 1, 1948, was 84,000. This year the figure, including Newfoundland, was 157,000.

The falling off in woods operations this winter reduced the number employed in eastern Canada by 35,000. The number in British Columbia is also down. During the last few weeks, severe snowstorms in the west have made it necessary to close a large number of camps. These facts have swelled the number of applicants materially in the Maritimes; Quebec and in the Pacific region.

The severe weather in the west has practically stopped construction work and no improvement can be looked for until there is a change in the weather.

Reports are that there are a lot of projects with plans completed consisting of industrial buildings, road construction, municipal improvements ready to be proceeded with early in the spring.

The general feeling throughout the country according to reports from National Employment offices is one of satisfaction with the way in which unemployment insurance is helping to meet the situation and there is evidence of a desire for inclusion under the act of groups such as lumbering and logging whereas a year ago there was considerable opposition to such inclusion.

"For All The World's Children"

A one-reel documentary film, "For All the World's Children," depicting the vital humanitarian work being carried out by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, UNICEF, in their day-to-day care of over 6,000,000 of earth's neediest children, will be shown at the Capitol Theatre, Edmonton, January 27 to February 2 inclusive.

"For All the World's Children"—a ten minute version of a more detailed three-reeler, was photographed by several different cameramen in more than a dozen global areas where UNICEF milk, cereal, cod-liver oil, TB vaccine DDT, blankets, etc., are spelling the difference between life and death. UNICEF is currently campaigning for funds across Canada.

Startlingly vivid in its presentation, shocking in its implication that these children represent an emergency which cannot wait, "For All the World's Children," like UNICEF, its sponsor, is a hard-hitting answer to the age old question: "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

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5. Applaud

9. Destructive

10. A filmy,

decorative

fabric

11. A task

(Obs.)

12. Additional

City (Pa.)

13. Title of

respect

17. Greek letter

18. Conjunction

19. Music note

20. Concludes

23. Finest

26. Kingdom

28. Sit on a

perch

33. Livivium

34. Mail

beverage

36. Elevated

train

(shortened)

36. Cut, as

grass

38. A state

(abbr.)

39. Guido's

highest

note

41. Steel

41. Title of

prince

(India)

46. Noblemen

47. The Three

Wise Men

48. Part of

window

frame

49. God of

war

50. Woody

perennial

DOWN

1. Two-strand

line (naut.)

2. Incite

3. Tow

4. Strand of

thread

5. More lucid

6. Not strict

7. Divisions

of plays

8. Danger

11. Journal

12. Macaw

15. The head

(slang)

21. Any s.

37. Pull by

pulse (India)

22. Foxy

24. Weep

25. Digit

27. City

(Tenn.)

29. City

(Spain)

30. Across

(combining

form)

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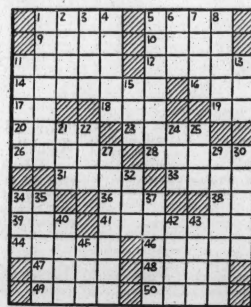
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Solution to
Last Week's Puzzle

Collective Agreements Cover 35 p.c. of Canadian Workers in 1948

OTTAWA — Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, reported recently that a study conducted by the Economics and Research Branch of the Department of Labour had revealed that about 35 per cent of the wage and salary workers in Canada were employed under the provisions of collective agreements in 1948.

In making the statement, Mr. Mitchell pointed out that details of the survey would be carried in the next issue of the Labour Gazette.

An increase of 8.3 per cent over the 1947 figure in the number under agreements was due partly to higher general employment, but mainly to the completion of additional agreements. Almost 4,000 agreements were in effect during 1948, affecting 1,212,964 workers, the minister explained.

The percentage of the estimated total number of employed wage-earners and salaried workers in Canada (3,441,000 at November 20, 1948) who were covered by collective agreements in 1948 was 35.3. The numbers under agreement in certain main industrial groups expressed as a percentage of total paid workers in the industry were: Forestry, 58.8; Mining, 58.8; Manufacturing—51.5; Electricity and

Gas—46.4; Transportation and Communication—76.0; Trade—6.4; Service—10.3.

Actual union membership in Canada was 977,594 in 1948 while the number of workers affected by agreements numbered more than 3,200,000. Mr. Mitchell explained this situation by the fact that all agreements, with the exception of those for closed and union shops, affected non-union employees in the bargaining unit as well as union members.

The number of workers involved in strikes during the year was about 42,800. The relatively small number of strikes and of workers involved in them is an indication of the success of collective bargaining and of conciliation procedure during the year, the minister stated.

WAX FOR POTATOES

At a recent meeting of the Potato Association of America held in Kansas City, Mo., one new development discussed in the marketing of table-fair potatoes, was the use of a very fine wax film on both white and red varieties. While the use of wax tended to make a most attractive pack, housewives objected to the dye used in coloring the wax for red varieties like Pontiac. It was felt that more work was necessary to perfect the process before it would meet with general public approval.

Plant Starter Stimulates Growth

While winter still holds most of the country in its grip, many gardeners are studying planting methods to improve their knowledge of an avocation that may be a hobby or a full time job which earns them their livelihood.

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Without commercial fertilizers to supplement non-commercial sources such as manures and other organic materials much of the arable land of the world could not be farmed world crop yields could not be maintained and diets however inadequate could not be provided for the masses.

Commenting on the F.A.O. report, C. R. Asher, development manager of C-I-L's agricultural chemicals division states that it is expected there will be sufficient supplies of fertilizer to meet demands of Canadian farmers in 1950 provided they take early delivery.

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Not only is such a suggestion untrue, but it is unfair both to the newspaper and to the advertiser. Practically every publisher will tell you that few merchants ever attempt to dictate the policy of the newspaper. They may express opposition to some stand the newspaper has taken, but few would go so far as to threaten the newspaper with withdrawal of business, if that policy was not changed to conform with the wishes of the advertiser. The successful merchant is usually successful because he is an honorable man, and few would stoop to the level of threatening a newspaper because its policy is not to their liking.

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Municipal Government the Foundation Of Our Free Democratic System

The main thing to keep in mind when considering the present problem of municipal government is that it was conceived as the broad base of our free democratic structure. Bringing the problems of public affairs right to the doorstep of the common people, pioneering a new nation, introduced cherished values which our forefathers exercised, exercised and defended. Then, local autonomy was accepted as a sphere of education and citizenship in which individual aptitude opened the door to higher public ambitions. Service on municipal councils was considered an honor and a duty and "democracy" was held to be something more than a mere phrase.

Today we find great changes and many new problems facing the present generation in the administration of municipal government. The rapid pace of industrialization and transportation; the trend of decentralization; the public demand for more and more social services have all combined to throw new weights and stresses into the realm of local government. At the same time we find a tendency among the younger generation not only to bypass the study of government but to shy away from public office and the responsibilities and criticisms that go with it.

Many of us are old enough to recall the earnestness with which our fathers tackled the problems of municipal government. They literally threw themselves into

local election contests, accepted authority without criticism and carefully financed the public works that made the modern towns and cities we live in today. They viewed with a wary eye the paternalism of senior governments. They held that true democracy required rigid adherence to the principle of untrammelled local autonomy.

But the fast pace of modern living has brought vast changes which too many of us appear to accept with little study and with calm complacency. Municipal councils now accept and even demand more and more handouts from senior authority to finance local needs. Subsidies for education, hospitals, recreation, roads and streets, fire protection, or what have you, have become the order of the day. And with all this, local public debt seems to be steadily mounting with the large burden still carried by the property owners.

This mounting burden of purely municipal debt has gone along with greatly increased provincial subsidies. The old warning that handouts from outside sources simply invite increased spending seems to apply pretty well today. But there is a breaking point. There may well come a time when the source that pays the money calls the tune. With every hand-out goes along a weakening of local autonomy and a lessening of a sense of individual responsibility on the level of municipal government. This is not only an accepted theory but a growing fact.

Where the authoritarian principle is permitted to intrude at that point precisely is where true democracy begins to fray and unravel. The consciousness of this trend today is brought forcibly home to the editors of weekly and daily newspapers of Canada. They live and move among the very people who make up the grass-roots prosperity of the whole nation. No section of the public press is more concerned with preserving freedom than the newspapers, and free freedom cannot have full sway without the preservation of the fullest measure of local autonomy exercised on the level of municipal government.

The time is here for a broad readjustment in this country of the whole scheme of responsible, representative government. There is a growing trend toward a better understanding in Dominion-Provincial affairs. It would appear to be the part and wisdom and statesmanship to broaden the conferences on national welfare to include outstanding authorities on municipal government and build a new framework along lines indicated in the St. Louis Report. Certainly we cannot afford much longer to continue along the casual lines that are too much in evidence all across Canada today in the realm of municipal affairs.

Frank Fox, the running professor of Seton Hall, has added another title to his list of track accomplishments. Already holder of the 440 and 600 yard honors Frank recently won the Dignity Memorial 600-yard run at New York.

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During the evening whist was enjoyed. Miss Anita Schmaltz won first prize and Miss Loretta Hagel the consolation.

After a delicious lunch was partaken of Miss Elaine Meidenger presented the bride with a gift of a dinner set on behalf of the ladies present.

Acme L.O.O.F. Installations

ACME.—The annual installation ceremony of Acme Lodge No. 65, L.O.O.F., was held in the Masonic temple, Jan. 4, when the district deputy grand master, Alvin Kiever, was installing officer. Wes Ager, P.D.D.G.M., acting as marshal, presented the officers-elect for installation, which were:

Noble grand, Percy Hanalip; vice-grand, Alec Gall; recording secretary, Frank Harriman; financial secretary, Tom Collinge; treasurer, H. A. McKay. The noble grand-elect chose other officers for the ensuing year.

New Refinery to Start in Spring

Construction of the new British American Oil Company refinery will commence as soon as weather conditions permit, said R. C. H. Harrison, counsel for the company, in Edmonton this week.

The new refinery, which is slated to be built on the former 160-acre farm of Robert Lindsay, one mile east and north of the Imperial Oil refinery, will have a capacity of 2,000,000 barrels a year.

Construction is expected to be completed in six months, Mr. Harrison reported, and it is hoped that preliminary work will get underway shortly.

LOST ART DISCOVERED

LONDON — The 18th century was the heyday of the polsters. Since those days, craftsmen the world over have striven to imitate the masters of the 1700's. Until now they have failed — mostly because many of the secrets of imparting color and glaze into the clay were lost in the Industrial Revolution which swept the old and new worlds in the 19th century. Now, however, after many years of experiment some of the "lost" secrets have been discovered, according to a United Kingdom firm which claims that its technicians have succeeded in correctly imitating the color and glazing techniques of the old master craftsmen.

Britain's Production Still Increasing

LONDON — British output is still increasing. The index of production for October, 1949, shows a rise of 2 points over the preceding month and an increase of 8 points over the corresponding period of last year.

With 1948 equalling 100, the index number for all industries is 134 — with manufacturing industries at 138. Since the size of the labor force has shown no material change over September-October, this latest increase can be attributed to additional output of the individual worker.

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